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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

At Richmond, OCTOBER 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE980144

For an Annual Information Filing

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS**

On September 23, 1998, the Commission Staff and United Cities Gas Company (“United Cities” or “the Company”) filed a motion requesting that the Commission accept a stipulation (“Stipulation”) reached by Staff and the Company in the above-captioned proceeding. The Company agreed to reduce its base rates, effective October 1, 1998, by an annual amount of \$248,787 in settlement of all issues raised by the Company’s Annual Informational Filing (“AIF”) for the test year that ended December 31, 1997. The Company also agreed to include in future AIFs and rate applications certain accounting measures recommended by Staff.

Also on September 23, 1998, United Cities filed a motion requesting that the Commission allow the rates agreed upon in the Stipulation, reflecting the annual rate

reduction of \$248,787, to become effective on and after October 1, 1998.<sup>1</sup> The Company states that there are no other formal parties to the proceeding.

UPON CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the Stipulation should be accepted. We find that the revised tariff should be approved and the rates under the revised tariff are effective as of October 1, 1998. It follows that the Company's motion should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) The Stipulation shall be accepted and the proposed tariff implementing the rate reduction contained in the Stipulation shall be effective as of October 1, 1998.

(2) There being nothing further to be done herein, this matter shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings, and the papers filed herein made a part of the Commission's files for ended causes.

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<sup>1</sup> On September 29, 1998, the Company filed a proposed revised tariff reflecting the rate reduction contained in the Stipulation.